

Remarks

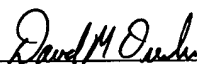
Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action of September 6, 2006, the Applicant hereby elects invention I, which corresponds to claim 1.

Further, claims 2, 4 and 5 have been amended so as to depend from claim 1 and claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Also, new claims 6 and 7 have been added which depend from claim 2. As a result, consideration of claims 2 and 4-7, each of which either directly or indirectly depends from claim 1, is respectfully requested.

In view of the claim amendments and the election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Furetsu KASUYA

By: 
David M. Ovedovitz
Registration No. 45,336
Attorney for Applicant

DMO/jmj
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Telephone (202) 721-8200
Facsimile (202) 721-8250
October 6, 2006